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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### Division of Water Rights

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August 13, 2004

Re: Operation of the Utah Lake Management Plan

To the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Users:

Later this month the level of Utah Lake is expected to drop below the Primary Storage Level defined in the Utah Lake Distribution Plan (6.917 feet below compromise). As of this writing, the level of Utah Lake is approximately 6.42 feet below compromise. The purpose of this letter is to notify water users of the anticipated operation of the Utah Lake Distribution Plan should Utah Lake reach that level.

The Division of Water Rights (Division) will stay in contact with the deputy commissioners who take the level measurements at the lake and will corroborate and document the data. When the deputy commissioners' report indicates that the lake level has reached 6.917 feet below compromise, the Division will notify the chairman of the Board of Canal Company Presidents (Board) by telephone that Utah Lake is at the Primary Storage Level; a formal written notice will follow.

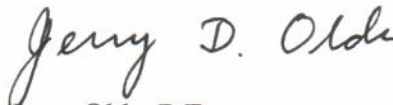
If the Board requests in writing that the State Engineer regulate the releases from Utah Lake by priority date, the Division will implement operation of the relevant sections of the Utah Lake Management Plan. The Provo Commissioner will be directed to release to Utah Lake the small amount of system storage currently being held in Deer Creek Reservoir.

The release and transmission of Deer Creek system storage water to Utah Lake will briefly extend the period before regulation of Utah Lake releases by priority date will be required. During this period, the Provo River Commissioner will monitor and report to the Division the releases of the system storage water to Utah Lake and the Utah Lake / Jordan River Commissioner will track and report the Utah Lake releases to the Division.

As the system storage is delivered to Utah Lake, the lake level will continue to be monitored. When the lake level drops below the Primary Storage Level, the Division will direct the Utah Lake / Jordan River Commissioner to cease delivery of Utah Lake storage water to the secondary water rights. I am also requesting that the river commissioner closely monitor releases and diversions to assure that no water is wasted.

It is unfortunate this situation has been created by the on-going drought conditions and we continue to hope that the current dry weather patterns will change. However, the Utah Lake Management Plan was developed to deal with just such an eventuality and we are confident that its operation will result in an equitable distribution of water. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the plan of operation outlined in this letter, please contact Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer, by phone at (801)538-7380 or by e-mail at [LeeSim@utah.gov](mailto:LeeSim@utah.gov) or Jim Riley, Regional Engineer, by phone at (810)538-7400 or by e-mail at [JimRiley@utah.gov](mailto:JimRiley@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerry D. Olds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "O".

Jerry Olds, P.E.  
State Engineer

cc: Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer  
Jim Riley, Regional Engineer  
Stan Roberts, Provo River Commissioner  
Brad Gardner, Utah Lake / Jordan River Commissioner